

fast, and overtook the freight inside the block.

#### Plan Sweeping Investigation.

A sweeping investigation will be made on the Danville division, of which E. H. Coanman is superintendent, because this is the second frightful wreck and fire on this branch within nine days. It is said the operator on the block south of this city is at his home, but has made no statement which the officials would make public.

Blame for the wreck is placed on Plagman A. J. Mull, who died at the general hospital here a few moments after arriving. The freight train stopped in the block because of a breakdown of the engine and the freight train was sent back to bring No. 34 to a standstill. He was ordered to run as fast as he could, and the passenger train was due on the block in a few moments. Had he obeyed instructions it is believed the passenger train would have been derailed, and the wrecking party would have been averted.

F. B. Smith, the block operator at Jaffa, who let the two trains in the block, says he did so knowingly because he had instructions from this end of the block to give the "clear track" signal to Engineer Kinney.

Physicians at the hospital say they believe Engineer Kinney was killed by the engine. Dr. O. O. Haller will recover Plagman Mull's body from the wreckage.

Fireman George Ford, colored, who was hurled from the cabin of the derailed engine, is believed to be dying. Shortly after noon the firemen gained the mastery over the flames, and the work of searching the charred timber and warped metal for bodies was begun. Three have been found, but the identity of the persons has not yet been established. It is believed that two of the men were tramps who were sleeping on a freight car at the time the train caught fire and were hurled into the flames.

Seven or eight of the freight cars were entirely destroyed with their contents, and the engine was a complete wreck, being demolished by the fearful impact with the freight train and its iron girders twisted by the heat which followed from the configuration. As soon as possible the work of rescuing the dead and dying was taken up.

#### Kenny's Hand on Lever.

The first body found was that of Engineer Kenny, who lay in his engine cab with his hand on the lever which makes his last effort to care for the passengers placed in his charge. He was protected from the fire by the sides of the cab and was practically free from any burns, although he had been badly scalded, and death probably ensued from the wounds thus sustained.

Within a few feet of where he lay was also found the charred and mutilated body of an unknown man, whose head was burned from his body and arms were also gone. This mutilated trunk was taken with Kenny's body to a local undertaking establishment, and will probably never be identified. It is thought that this was one of the train crew and was in this caboose with several others.

#### Brakemen Probably Perished.

The brakemen on the freight train have not been seen or heard from, and there is a possibility of their having been roasted under the burning cars. A wrecking crew has been at work as soon as news of the collision reached here and a large force of men is at work clearing the track and looking for bodies.

Scenes attending the wreck were pathetic and excruciating. Men, women, and children were all paralyzed with fear when they were thrown from their seats and bodies and awakened to hear the roar of escaping steam from the burst boiler and saw volumes of flames leaping high in the air. Passengers leaped through the windows and their night clothes. Others struggled frantically to get out the doors, where men lay and women in night gowns with children in their arms.

Outside the coaches the passengers were further terrorized by the flames and the roar of steam. Those who wore thick clothing shivered and shook, and their teeth chattered in the cold, raw morning air. A gale was sweeping along the tracks. This made the misery of the passengers complete, and also served to fan the flames.

Many were taken to nearby farm houses. There they were treated for bruises and lacerations. When they were hurled to the ground, women were prostrated with nervousness after being carried from the scene of the wreck and several physicians from this city, who went down with the wrecking crew, attended them.

## TAFT'S BUSY DAY; CHICAGOANS CALL

This was Secretary of War Taft's busy day. Although he appeared at his office unusually early, determined to put the finishing touches on his annual report, he found fully a score of Senators and Representatives "lying in wait" for him.

As there was a day's vacation on the Hill, fully a hundred legislators made it a point to call at the war office during the morning, their visits pertaining to almost as many different matters.

Prominent among the early callers was Senator Warren, chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, who had a long conference with Secretary Taft on proposed legislation for the benefit of the army. The Japanese incident was mentioned, and the subject of better coast defense for the Pacific discussed.

A number of legislators from both North and South called to give their views, pro and con, concerning the subject of the colored troops recently dismissed, and the merits or demerits of the bill to eliminate negro soldiers from the army altogether.

A delegation of Chicago citizens, headed by Senator Cullom and R. R. McCormick, head of the Chicago drainage commission, had a brief hearing before the Secretary on the subject of reversing the flow of the Calumet river, so as to make it empty into the drainage canal and carry off the sewage of South Chicago. Under the law passed last winter, no additional water may be removed from the Great Lakes without a permit from the Secretary of War.

Mr. Taft promised the delegation a further hearing.

## PYTHIANS INITIATE 75 CANDIDATES

Impressive initiation services were held in Pythian Temple, Ninth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest last night when Grand Chancellor of the District Jefferson Middleton and the ritual committee conferred degrees on seventy-five candidates from Washington and adjacent Maryland and Virginia towns.

This is the largest number of candidates ever initiated at any one time since the new temple was dedicated. All the candidates were given a warm welcome into the order and a sort of informal reception was held by them after the degrees were conferred. There were no addresses. Music was furnished throughout the evening by the Mountain City Orchestra, from Frederick, Md.

## This Week In Congress And What Is Expected To Be Done Next Week

### Members of Both Houses Squaring Off For Real Work.

### LITTLE DONE SO FAR

### Appropriations Bill and Con- firmations Likely to Receive Early Attention.

Having got through with the shaking down process necessary after a long recess, the national legislative machine is now running smoothly, and will begin to grind out real business next week.

The new session opened briskly in the Senate. Without observing the time-honored custom of receiving the President's message, Senators Penrose and Foraker introduced resolutions calling for information about the discharge of the two or three colored troops. Both resolutions, one addressed to the President and the other to the Secretary of War, were adopted later in the week after somewhat acrimonious debate.

The President's references to the Japanese school troubles in California aroused comment among both Senators and Representatives, especially from California, and caused Senator Rayner to introduce a resolution declaring that the Federal Government had no control over State schools.

Mr. Rayner proposes to make a speech on the subject in the near future after Secretary Metcalf's report on his investigation of the subject, which has been called for by the Senate, has been received.

#### Disposal of Nominations.

One of the first things to be attended to by the Senate next week will be the confirmation of the Cabinet nominations sent in by the President last Monday. There has been opposition expressed to the proposed changes, and the delay in acting upon them was the result of failure to secure a quorum of the Judiciary Committee, before which the nominations of Secretary Bonaparte to be Attorney General is pending. It is expected that the Senate will hold an executive session early in the week and all the Cabinet nominations, as well as that of Attorney General Moody for the Supreme Court of the United States, will be promptly confirmed.

#### The Reed Smoot Case.

The discussion of the Reed Smoot case will begin in open Senate on Tuesday, when Chairman Burrows, of the Privileges and Elections Committee, will make a long and exhaustive speech favoring Smoot's exclusion from the Senate. He will contend that Smoot, although a high official of the Mormon Church, winked at the continued practice of polygamous relations by other officers of the church; that he has subscribed to the oaths of the church which are alleged to be identical to the "constitution of the United States"; that having taken those oaths, he could not consistently take the oath as a United States Senator to uphold the Constitution, and that, therefore, he is not entitled to his seat in the Senate and should be excluded therefrom.

#### Dubois' Mormon Speech.

Senator Dubois (Idaho) will follow on Thursday, paying particular attention to the alleged interference of the Mormon Church in the politics of Utah, Idaho, and adjoining States. Mr. Smoot's colleague, Mr. Sutherland, will speak during the week in his defense.

Senator La Follette's bill to limit the hours that railroad employees may be continuously employed will come up during the week, as will also the bill to prohibit gambling in the Territories.

On Wednesday the Senate will have a long executive session, at which the Algerian convention regarding Morocco will probably be ratified.

#### House Was Not Idle.

Moved to action by Speaker Cannon, the House ended the first week of the session with the satisfaction of knowing that it did not loaf altogether. On the floor the members awaited the Lieberman bill, doing away with compulsory pilotage on sailing vessels, and, despite the action of Speaker Cannon and others, who voted for it, owing to the opposition to it of the American Federation of Labor, enough Republicans joined the Democrats to accomplish its parliamentary death.

A measure was passed permitting national banks to loan money. The Japanese incident was mentioned, and the subject of better coast defense for the Pacific discussed.

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House knocked out bill to abolish compulsory pilotage.

House passed bill permitting national banks to lend money on farm lands.

Negotiations for compromise ship subsidy bill.

### Congress—Next Week

Smoot case in the Senate.

Algerian treaty in the Senate.

New Cabinet members to be confirmed, also Attorney General Moody's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.

La Follette's bill limiting hours of labor of railroad employees to be discussed in the Senate.

Legislative, executive and judicial bill in the House.

Hearing on the currency bill before the House committee.

members with prospects of a compromise over the Senate ship subsidy measure.

On Tuesday the House Committee on Banking and Currency will begin its hearings on the elastic currency proposition.

## COURT DENIES APPEAL OF MISSOURI MURDERER

Agnes Myers, the Kansas City, Mo., woman who killed her husband several years ago, must hang unless Governor Folk interposes. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, this morning denied the application of her counsel for a writ of error. The woman was convicted of cutting her husband to pieces with a razor, while her paramour held him.

## LAY UNDERGROUND MAINS BEFORE STREETS ARE PAVED

Desiring that all gas, electric light, telephone and telephone companies should be required to lay their conduits and service mains before streets are paved or improved, the District Commissioners have decided to ask for such legislation by Congress at the present session.

### Died.

COLEMAN—Suddenly, on Friday afternoon, December 7, 1906, GRIFITH B. COLEMAN. Particulars in another column.

CROPPER—On December 7, 1906, JOHN CROPPER, son of Thomas B. and Rosina Cropper, and husband of Anna Cropper, at his residence, 112 M street; aged fifty-six years.

HALLARAN—On Saturday, December 8, 1906, at her home, 730 Eighth street northwest, ELIZABETH CECILIA HALLARAN, widow of William H. Hallaran, and daughter of Henry Wilkinson, of Philadelphia, Pa. Funeral at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 1906, from St. Patrick's Church. Interment at Glenwood cemetery. 66-21

ROBINSON—Departed this life on Friday, December 7, 1906, at 9:30 p.m., MORTEN ROBINSON, husband of Charlotte Robinson, aged thirty-three years. Funeral Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., from Reformed Baptist Church. Friends and relatives invited. Interment in Harmony cemetery. 66-21

SMITH—Suddenly, on December 6, 1906, Mrs. ISAAC SMITH. Particulars in another column.

PABST—On Thursday, December 6, 1906, at 11 o'clock a.m., MATTHIAS PABST, beloved father of Mrs. A. Schwartz. Funeral Sunday at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 701 C street southwest. Relatives and friends invited. 66-21

SHANNON—Suddenly, at the Government Printing Office, on Saturday morning, December 7, 1906, JAMES F. SHANNON. Particulars in another column.

RYAN—At New Orleans, La., on December 6, 1906, at 3:45 a.m., Mrs. ELLEN RYAN, beloved wife of the late Cornelius Ryan. Remains will arrive in Washington on Saturday morning and be taken to residence of sister, Mrs. Moore, 1912 New avenue northwest. Notice of funeral later. 66-21

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## BISHOP AND RECTOR ARE NOT "AT ODDS"

The Rev. Dr. Smith Explains  
Now Famous Entertainment.

"There is no controversy whatever between Bishop Satterlee and myself," said the Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Thomas' Church, this morning in reference to the story that the bishop and his wife "at odds" over a proposed entertainment to be given at the Belasco Theater on December 17 under the auspices of the Rector's Aid of the parish.

"The ladies planned it up for one thing, that, is to augment St. Thomas' contributions to the bishop of Washington's fund," said Dr. Smith. "The bishop and I are the best of friends, and I am sure if the bishop changed the subject of the entertainment, the ladies will be glad to acquiesce."

"I realize fully his position. I know he doesn't like any but direct gifts to his fund. It was the intention of the ladies to pay the proceeds over to the treasurer of the fund, but, of course, if the bishop feels he cannot accept the money, why it can be diverted to another object, such as hospital or diocesan charity."

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## RESERVES SAVE MOTORMAN'S LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—"If the fender had been in good order the girl's life would have been saved. I was ordered to run the car as it was, with the fender strapped up."

This statement was made by Motorman Thomas Barrett today, after he had run over and killed six-year-old Annie Greco, at First street and the Bowery.

The reserves of the Mulberry and Elizabeth street stations had to be called out to prevent the crowd from doing violence to the motorman. Cries of "lynch him" were heard all the way to the station house.

The weekly debate of the National Law School, to be held tonight at the school, on Thirteenth street, between H and I streets, will be open to the public, ladies being especially invited. The subject for debate will be: "Resolved, That trial marriage shall be put into full practice in the United States."

The speakers of the evening will be Messrs. Anderson, Marshall and Finch on the affirmative, and Messrs. McMorris, Hunt and Gluck, on the negative.

## WOMEN FOOTPADS TAKE GIRLS' MONEY

Robbers in Skirts Jailed by Scranton Police.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—A unique highway robbery has been reported to the police. Two fifteen-year-old school girls walked into the North Scranton police station and stated that they had been held up and robbed of their week's pay by two women.

Both girls are employed at the Klotz silk mill, and were paid yesterday. One had \$35 in her envelope, and the other girl \$5.46. When near their home two women rushed at them, grabbed their pay and disappeared.

Police men early arrested Mrs. Mary Dougherty and Mrs. Mary Holoka, and, according to the police, the pay envelopes were found in their possession, together with all the money.

## Wanted Big Cop To Go Along On Trip to Heaven

So Crazy Man Opened  
Fire on Patrolman, Then  
Shot Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Because he wanted the company of a cop on his trip to heaven, John Comiskey, an insane man, killed big Al Sellick, a patrolman, full of lead early today. Comiskey then shot himself. Neither will die. Comiskey was shuffling along before dawn today, firm in the belief he was treading the heavenly way. "Big Al" Sellick was patrolling his post in an opposite direction.

"Ah, he'll be good company on my journey and will know those 'ladies up,'" assumed Comiskey, who thereupon began firing at the disappearing form of the cop. Comiskey's aim was good and two bullets plowed their way into Sellick's giant frame. Comiskey must have suddenly decided on an unaccompanied journey for he turned and ran.

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## Special Notices.

PLEADS THE PRAYER FOR CONGRESS.—While the Prayer for Congress when in semi-annual session is one of the very finest collects in the Book of Common Prayer, and which there is every possible reason for its use, hardly any of the Episcopal clergy in the District ever offer it in church service. How justify this lapse? R. B. RODNEY, U. S. Navy. 11

THE COOKS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION of the District of Columbia will celebrate their sixteenth anniversary on MONDAY, EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 1906, at G. A. R. Hall. Admission 25 cents. 11

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## Church Notices.

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UNITARIAN—All Souls' Church, corner 14th and E sts. n.w.; Rev. D. D. Pierce, minister, and Rev. D. D. Pierce, minister, 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m.; Comparative study of religion, 10 a.m.; Unity study class, 11 a.m.; morning service, sermon by the minister, 7:30 p.m.; Young People's Religious Union. 11

TRINITY CHURCH, 22 and C sts. n.w.; Rev. Richard P. Williams, rector—Final services a.m., holy communion, 11 a.m.; evening prayer (no sermon); 7:45 p.m.; intercession service; 8 p.m.; mission service, with sermon and instruction. All services with devotion by the minister, Rev. W. W. Davis, of New York. All welcome. Seats free. 11

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